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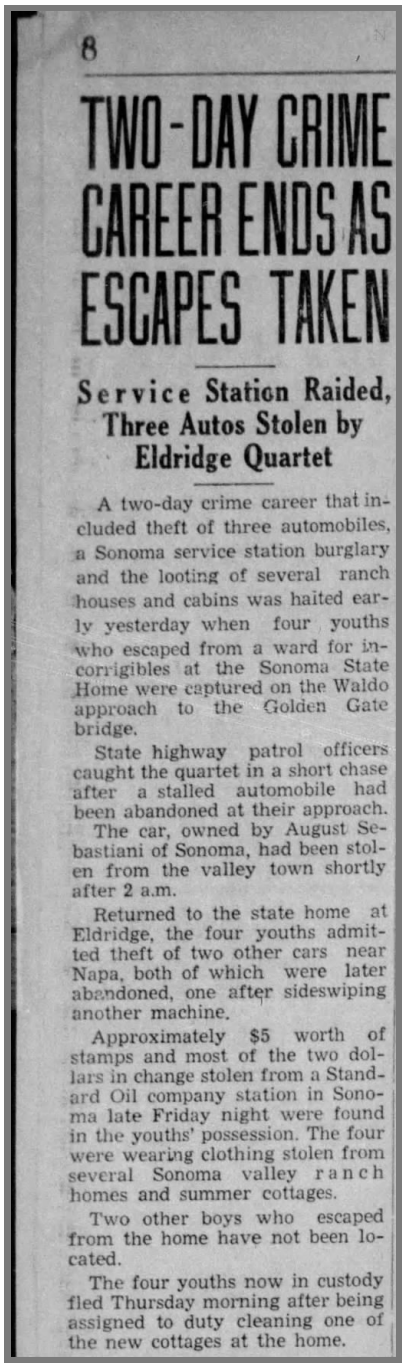

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TWO-DAY CRIME CAREER ENDS AS ESCAPES TAKEN

Service Station Raided, Three Autos Stolen by Eldridge Quartet

A two-day crime career that included theft of three automobiles, a Sonoma service station burglary and the looting of several ranch houses and cabins was haited early yesterday when four youths who escaped from a ward for incorrigibles at the Sonoma State Home were captured on the Waldo approach to the Golden Gate bridge.

State highway patrol officers caught the quartet in a short chase after a stalled automobile had been abandoned at their approach.

The car, owned by August Sebastiani of Sonoma, had been stolen from the valley town shortly after 2 a.m.

Returned to the state home at Eldridge, the four youths admitted theft of two other cars near Napa, both of which were later abandoned, one after sideswiping another machine.

Approximately $5 worth of stamps and most of the two dollars in change stolen from a Standard Oil company station in Sonoma late Friday night were found in the youths' possession. The four were wearing clothing stolen from several Sonoma valley ranch homes and summer cottages.

Two other boys who escaped from the home have not been located.

The four youths now in custody fled Thursday morning after being assigned to duty cleaning one of the new cottages at the home.

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